

REMARKS

The subject application was originally filed with Claims 1-7. In the present response Claims 1-5 and 7 are canceled, Claim 6 is amended, and new Claims 8-11 are added. Upon entry of the instant response, Claims 6 and 8-11 will be pending.

Claim 6 is amended to correct clerical errors and to more clearly express that which applicants consider their invention. Claims 8-11 are added to more clearly express that which applicants consider their invention. Support for new Claims 8-11 is found, for example, in Figure 1 as filed. No new matter is added.

The claims, specification, Figure 1, and Sequence Listing are amended to correct clerical errors. For example, Table 5 in the specification and claim 6 are amended to correctly identify the position of the variable amino acids in the consensus sequence. In claim 6, the amino acid positions are listed in numerical order with the exception of amino acid position 21, which is found with position 218 and amino acid position 140, which is found with position 176. Support for these changes are found in Figure 1 as filed.

Figure 1 is amended to label it correctly as Figure 1A and Figure 1B instead of Figure 1 and Figure 1 (continued). In the Figure, SEQ ID NO:12 is amended to add an "X" at position 61 of the consensus sequence since there was a space at this position, replace "X" with "P" at position 23, and remove the periods at the end of the sequences corresponding to SEQ ID NOs 2, 4, 6, and 8.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, the Claims of Group III (Claim 6 and new Claims 8-11).

A petition for a two (2) month extension of time also accompanies this response. Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment of fees which are required in connection with the filing of this Response and Petition of Extension of Time to Deposit Account No.: 04-1928 (E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

In view of the foregoing, examination on the merits and allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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